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FOLLOWING REPEAT BEIRUT 627 ACTION SECSTATE INFO DAMASCUS  
CAIRO JIDDA TEHRAN KUWAIT AMMAN PARIS LONDON ROME TEL AVIV  
USUN NEW YORK 20 JAN 76

QUOTE

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DEPT PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR DAY.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, LE

SUBJECT: KARAME'S RESIGNATION

REF STATE 13261

1. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT KARAME HAS NOT TENDERED  
HIS RESIGNATION IN WRITING AND IS IN FACT BARGAINING WITH FRANGIE  
TO REMAIN AS PRIME MINISTER. AT SAME TIME WE ARE RECEIVING  
REPORTS THAT FRANGIE-ASAD ACCORD MAY BE NEAR.

2. IN TRICKY LOCAL SITUATION I DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A  
BIG POINT OF APPROACHING PRIMIN. HOWEVER, OCCASION

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AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH DELIVERING MESSAGE FROM

USUN ONNEBASSADOR GHORRA'S DESIRE TO BE IN CONTACT  
WITH HIS GOVT (SEPTTEL NOTAL) FOR ME TO TALK DIRECTLY  
ON THE TELEPHONE WITH PRESIDENT FRANGIE THIS MORNING  
JAN 20. I SIMPLY INFORMED HIM THAT I AM CHARGE IN  
AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE, EXPRESSED HOPE TO CALL ON HIM SOME  
TIME IN FUTURE, GAVE HIM MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES, AND  
PASSED MESSAGE THAT AMBASSADOR GHORRA WOULD LIKE TO TELEPHONE  
CALL FROM HIM OR SOMEONE ELSE IN THE PRESIDENCE. FRANGIE  
WAS VERY PLEASANT (SEVERAL AHLAN WA SAHLAN'S) AND TOOK  
GHORRA'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IN NEW YORK. BECAUSE OF THIS  
CONTACT, I LATER FELT I COULD CALL KARAME  
ALSO, TELLING HIM I WAS ACTING AS CHARGE,(  
AND GIVING HIM  
BEST WISHES ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY GOVT FOR  
SUCCESS IN THE DIFFICULT TASK WHICH HE WAS ENGAGED ON.  
I MENTIONED MY EARLIER CALL TO FRANGIE IN GENERAL TERMS.  
KARAME GRASPED THE POINT AND EFFUSIVELY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE  
FOR THE WISHES OF THE USG THUS CONVEYED TO HIM. WE LEFT  
IT THAT I WOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPRTUNITY TO CALL ON HIM IN  
PERSON.

3. THROUGH KARAME'S FRIEND MOHSEN SLIM, ECON COUNSELOR  
WILL BE PASSING LATER TODAY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED  
FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON KARAME'S RESIGNATION  
(STATE 13393). I THINK WE HAVE THUS MADE OUR POINT  
WITH KARAME WITHOUT RISKING IRRITATION TO OTHERS.  
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